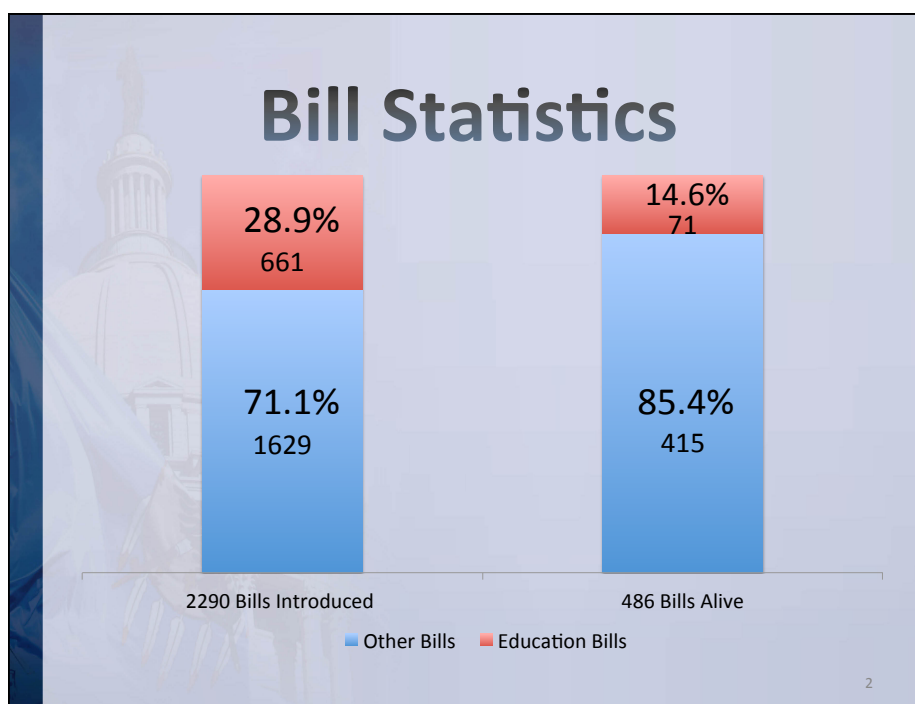


Legislative Update

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SB 630

Reading Sufficiency Act

- **New:** For 2016-17 and 2017-18, 3rd graders scoring **below PROFICIENT** on the OCCT are evaluated for “*probationary promotion*” by Student Reading Proficiency Team (SRPT).
 - For 2015-16, 3rd graders scoring **UNSATISFACTORY** are evaluated.
 - The principal and the superintendent must approve the recommendation of the SRPT.

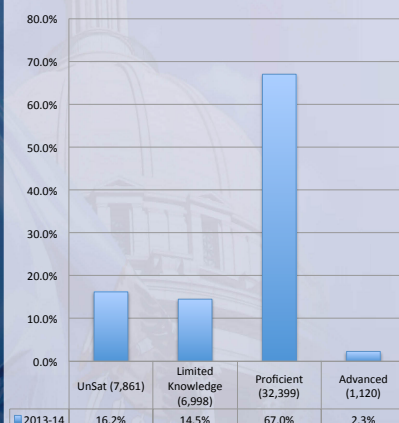
3rd Grade OCCT Reading Performance Levels

- Advanced
- Proficient
- Limited Knowledge
- Unsatisfactory

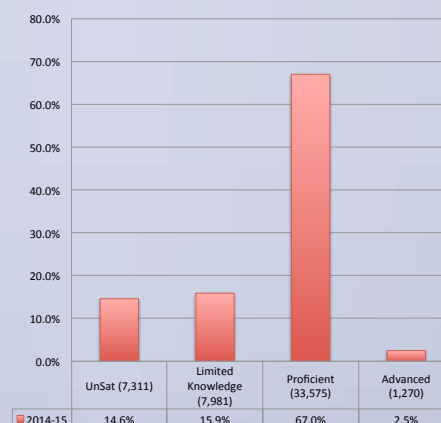
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Third Grade Reading Performance

2013-14 Final Grade 3 Reading State Performance Level Distribution



2014-15 Preliminary Grade 3 Reading State Performance Level Distribution



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SB 630

Reading Sufficiency Act

- **Clarification:** Screening instruments administered to all K-3rd graders, at the *beginning* and *end* of each year.
- **New:** Any 1st or 2nd grader not reading at grade level (determined by a screening instrument) is entitled to “*individualized*” remediation.
- Student Reading Proficiency Team (SRPT) develops plan for remediation.
 - SRPT includes parent, current teacher, future teacher and reading specialist.

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SB 630

Reading Sufficiency Act

- **Clarification:** Any 1st, 2nd or 3rd grader reading at the 3rd grade level is exempt from retention.
- **Clarification:** Only reading comprehension and vocabulary portions of OCCT are used.
- **New:** Parent notification required for any student reading below grade level.
- EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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SB 706

Teacher/Leader Effectiveness

- Requires full implementation of TLE by 2017-2018.
- Each teacher and administrator will receive both a *qualitative* and *quantitative* score, with **no composite score**.
- Employment decisions will be based on both components.
- Eliminates “*other academic measurements*” as a requirement for the quantitative piece, and the corresponding percentages.

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SB 706

Teacher/Leader Effectiveness

- Directs State Board to **adopt reliable, research-based quantitative options** for districts to choose from for teachers in non-tested subjects.
- Directs TLE Commission to make recommendations to the State Board by **Dec 1, 2015**, and the Board to approve the list by **Feb 1, 2016**.
- Directs continued study by the State Board and the Commission, to produce a system that **promotes reflection and professional growth**.
- EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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HB 1823 A-F Report Card

- Directs that the State Board of Education *shall* study and *may* make recommendations on revisions to the calculation metrics of the A-F report card.
- Purpose of the study: ensure the system is **clear, transparent, statistically trustworthy, credible** and **aligned** with state assessments.
- Requires the State Board to seek certification from the Regents on the recommended revisions that they will achieve the stated purpose.

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HB 1823 A-F Report Card

- The Regents are required to provide the State Board with any deficiencies within the study and recommendations.
- Must submit a report to the House, Senate and Governor by **December 31, 2015**.
- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY upon Governor's signature.

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SB 711

Teacher Certificate Revocation

- Any recommendation for termination or non-reemployment of a teacher that was based on grounds for *criminal charges involving sexual abuse or exploitation* **MUST** be forwarded to the State Board.
- Districts are *released from liability* for forwarding the personnel recommendation.
- The recommendation not forwarded until *after due process procedures* are completed or after the teacher resigns. The recommendation must also be forwarded to the teacher.

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SB 711

Teacher Certificate Revocation

- Only school districts considering employment of that teacher may request the information. If request is made, then notice is sent to the teacher.
- Records will be exempt from Open Records Act.
 - If a subpoena is served requesting the documents, the teacher must be notified immediately.
- EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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Teacher Shortage

- **HB 1521:** Allows school districts to give teachers one-time incentive pay or one-time retention incentive pay for returning a second year.
 - EFFECTIVE November 1, 2015.
- **SB 29:** By October 1, SDE is required to notify by mail, any individual whose license/certificate expired June 30.
 - Licenses renewed before December 31 are backdated. If renewed after December 31, then effective on the date renewed.
 - Caps cost of processing fees for renewal: 150% if renewed before December 31, 200% if renewed after.
 - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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Teacher Shortage

- **SB 20:** State Board can issue a certificate to anyone with a valid *out-of-state license* to teach in those subjects/grades that are most closely aligned.
 - If the teacher has *5 years of successful* teaching in an *accredited* school, they do not have to take the certification exam in those subjects/grades.
 - Requires them to have a background check from OSBI and national criminal history record check on file. Upon receipt of the background checks, the State Board may issue a temporary certificate until fingerprinting can be done.
 - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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Appropriations

- **HB 2242:** This is the general appropriations (GA) bill. The State Department of Education is appropriated **\$2,484,873,132** for FY 16, the same amount as was appropriated for FY 15.
 - Amounts are detailed for the financial support of public schools (funding formula), Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Flexible Benefit Allowance (FBA), the support of public school activities (the line items), and Administrative and Support Functions of SDE.
 - **\$28,283,724** was appropriated to the Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund.
 - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015. Ad valorem reimbursement is transferred upon Governor's signature.

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Appropriations

- **HB 2244:** Caps the amount of funding going to school districts from the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act at current year levels, which is 36.20% of the taxes received, from FY 16 onward.
 - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015
- **SB 847:** Transfers **\$75,000,000** from the Constitutional Reserve Fund (*Rainy Day Fund*) for the financial support of public schools (*funding formula*).
 - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015

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